

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

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We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**OPTICAL MODULATOR AND METHOD FOR POLARIZATION BIT
INTERLEAVING**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of the Federal Regulations, S1.56(a).

We hereby claim the benefit of Title 35, United States Code S119(e), of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is now disclosed in the prior United States **provisional** patent application

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